

May 24, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jeff Gatchell and I am a professional pilot. On Friday, May 21, 2010, I volunteered to fly a couple of people who were interested in taking pictures (stills and video) in the area of the Blythe Airport. I was off work that day so I did not have to worry about other commitments from my on-call flying job. My two passengers turned out to be a Mr. Robert Gonzales and a Mr. Jesse Figueroa. I understood that this was arranged by Mr. Alfredo Figueroa, a resident of Blythe. Both of my passengers were very busy throughout the flight taking pictures, which I am hopeful turn out as well as what I was able to witness.

I borrowed a Cessna 172 for this purpose due to its relatively slow speed and its high-wing design. This makes for a great photo aircraft. We departed the Blythe Airport at approximately 0845 and our flight lasted slightly over an hour. During that time we orbited multiple areas in which there were many ancient Indian drawings carved out on the desert floor. As one can imagine, seeing these from the air is vastly different from being on the surface.

Please contact me if you have any further questions or be of assistance in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Gatchell". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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